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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M. G. L. c. 13, § 11A(b); c. 30A; and c. 112, §§ 61, 23M the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions will hold a public hearing relative to proposed promulgation of amendments to the Board's regulations at 259 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 3.00 (Occupational Therapists), 4.00 (Athletic Trainers), and 5.00 (Physical Therapists). By these proposed amendments, the Board seeks to: clarify the roles and responsibilities of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in providing care and in documenting assessments and other client encounters; simplify the initial application process for athletic trainers by streamlining educational requirements, by eliminating unnecessary and outdated information, and to clarify the licensee's role in supervising athletic training students; and clarify the roles and responsibilities of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in providing care and in documenting assessments and other client encounters. In addition, the proposed changes eliminate redundancies and unnecessary language presently contained therein. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2016 at the Division of Professional Licensure, 1000 Washington St., First Floor, Boston, MA. Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at this hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board's web site located at: <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/ah/> or by contacting the Board at 1000 Washington St. Suite 710, Boston, MA 02118; (617) 727-0054. The Board will also accept written comments regarding the regulations through the end of business on Monday, August 29, 2016.

